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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (PERCY, CHARLES)

SUBJECT: CODEL PERCY: TRAVEL FROM LUSAKA TO MAPUTO

REF: (A) LUSAKA 0950 (B) CAPE TOWN 0438

1. EMBASSY FORESEES MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING FOR DAO FLIGHT FROM LUSAKA TO MAPUTO. WE HAVE HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN ARRANGING FLIGHT CLEARANCES: WE PRESUME, AS WITH EVERYTHING ELSE, WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY. FOR THE PAST EIGHT HOURS WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING, WITHOUT SUCCESS, TO LOCATE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OR DIRECTOR, WESTERN HEMMISPHERE DIVISION TO NAIL DOWN FINAL ARRANGMENTS FOR CODEL VISIT. DESPITE PHONE CALLS AND PERSONAL VISIT TO THEIR RESIDENCES, WE CANNOT ROUSE ANYONE.

2. IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT WE COULD OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR DAO AIRCRAFT, BUT WE CANNOT BE SURE. GPRM HAS GREAT AVERSION TO AUTHORIZING USE OF ITS AIRPORTS FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF MAJOR POWERS. WE WILL KEEP TRYING, BUT WE NOT HOPEFUL WE WILL HAVE ANY LUCK TONIGHT AND EVEN IF WE ARE SUCCESFUL IN LOCATING OFFICIALS TOMORROW, WE NOT SURE CLEANNCE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FORTHCOMING.

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3. IN VIEW ABOVE, AND GIVEN IMPORTANCE WHICH SENATOR PERCY
(AND WE) ATTRIBUTE TO HIS MEETING WITH MACHEL, MONDAY, WE RECOMMEND
THAT CODEL ACCEPT EMBASSY CAPETOWN SUGGESTION (REF B)
THAT DAO FLY CODEL PARTY FROM LUSAKA TO JOBURG APRIL 18 IN

TIME TO CONNECT WITH SA 142 FROM JOBURG TO MAPUTO ARRIVING
1850 HOURS.

4. AGAIN, REGRET WE CANNOT MOVE FASTER ON OUR END THAN LUMBERING
FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL PERMIT. FOREIGN MINISTRY IS NOT TRYING TO
AVOID US. IT JUST THAT SHORT-STAFFED MINISTRY PERSONNEL ARE TERRIBLY
BUSY WITH KAUNDA VISIT. UN DELEGATION AND NEW CCREDITED AMBASSADORS
(WHO IN MAPUTO FOR ONLY FEW DAYS). DE PREE

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